

SUICIDE RATE FOR PERSONS 15-24 YEARS OF AGE

Objective

By 1990, the rate of suicide among people 15 to 24 should be below 11 per 100,000.

Explanatory Notes

Includes ICD codes E950-959 of both the Eighth and Ninth revisions.

Findings

The state's suicide rate for persons 15 to 24 dropped in 1986 to below the target rate of 11 but was still nearly double the rate observed in 1970. A decrease to about 9.2 is projected for 1990. Nationally, it was expected (based on 1978-1983 trends) that this objective may be met (3); however, the rate increased in 1984 and 1985.

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics
United States: National Center for Health Statistics